



Guard Dogs Act 1975

1975 CHAPTER 50

7 Interpretation.

In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires—

“agricultural land” has the same meaning as in the ^{M1}Dogs (Protection of Livestock) Act 1953;

“guard dog” means a dog which is being used to protect—

- (a) premises; or
- (b) property kept on the premises; or
- (c) a person guarding the premises or such property;

“guard dog kennels” means a place where a person in the course of business keeps a dog which (notwithstanding that it is used for other purposes) is used as a guard dog elsewhere, other than a dog which is used as a guard dog only at premises belonging to its owner;

“local authority” means, in relation to England ^{F1}. . ., a district council, a London borough council and the Common Council of the City of London, [^{F2}in relation to Wales, a county council or county borough council,]and, in relation to Scotland, [^{F3}a council constituted under section 2 of the Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994];

“premises” means land other than agricultural land and land within the curtilage of a dwelling-house, and buildings, including parts of buildings, other than dwelling-houses;

“prescribed” means prescribed by regulations;

“regulations” means regulations made by the Secretary of State.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 7 repealed (1.4.1996) by 1994 c. 19, s. 66(6)(8), Sch. 16 para. 46, **Sch. 18** (with ss. 54(5)(7), 55(5), Sch. 17 paras. 22(1), 23(2)); S.I. 1996/396, art. 4, **Sch. 2**
- F2** Words in s. 7 inserted (1.4.1996) by 1994 c. 19, s. 66(6), **Sch. 16 para. 46** (with ss. 54(5)(7), 55(5), Sch. 17 paras. 22(1), 23(2)); S.I. 1996/396, art. 4, **Sch. 2**
- F3** Words in s. 7 substituted (S.) (1.4.1996) by 1994 c. 39, s. 180(1), **Sch. 13 para. 101**; S.I. 1996/323, **art. 4(1)(b)(c)**

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